(b) Slowing down of ordering of new nuclear power plant has been observed and the reasons varies from country to country. Some of the reasons. are saturation in demand, public opposition, aftermath of Chernobyl non-availability of funds, tighter regulatory measures or easy access to coal, oil or hydroelectric power.

Exploration of Ground Water

1541. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Soviet Union has offered India its expertise in exploration of ground water resources, as reported in the Hindustan Times of November 9, 1988; and

(b) if so, the details theroef?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Under the Indo-Soviet Cooperation Programme in the field of Irrigation and Water Management both sides have agreed to develop cooperation in ground water exploration and prespective drilling.

USSR has supplied six drilling rigs and 35 pumps as gift to the Government of India. These have been deployed in the drought hit States of Gujarat, Rajasthan end Madhya Pradesh. Further, a joint Indo-USSR Seminar on Advances in Water Well Drilling Technology was held in India in October, 1988.

1542. *[Transferred to the 28th November, 1988]*

Control of S.T.D by Erythromycin.

1543. DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4213 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 31st August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his ministry intimated that Erythromycin is required for control of S.T.D. which falls under National Health Programme;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not recommending its inclusion under category-I to Department of Chemicals; and

(c) by when such recommendation is proposed to be sent to the Department of Chemicals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Erythromycin is one of the drugs used for the (treatment of S.T.O. Drugs for STD were not recommended initially. A committee and been constituted to review National Health Programme drugs to be listed for categorisation under Category I of the Drug price Control Order, 1987. The committee has submitted its report on 8-11-1988.

Measures suggested by NIV to control Japanese Encephalitis

1544. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Institute of Virology (NIV) of the Indian Council of Medical Research has suggested measures to control the dreaded Japanese Encephalitis;

(b) whether the dreaded disease is spreading in most parts of the country; and

(c) if so, the details of the measures suggested by NIV and further steps Government propose to take to control the disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) In an article entitled 'Strategy For the Control of Japanese Encephalitis' published in the Indian Council of Medical Research